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During the 24 years of its existence, the United States Olympic Committee has had 9 presidents and 12 CEOs. During the past 4 years, the USOC has had 3 presidents, who manage the volunteer staff, and 4 CEOs, who manage the professional staff.

These positions demand exemplary leadership to steer the USOC with consistency and order. When considering the prestige of these two positions, it seems like the people lucky enough to be chosen would hold onto the job for a long time.

Yet these presidents and CEOs at the Olympic Committee are leaving before the new paint in their office dries. That means something must be terribly wrong with the governance structure and the working environment at the USOC. We must find a way to change the culture and structure of the USOC so that well-qualified athletic and business leaders want to serve in these positions. We must make changes that ensure the staffs and all the different sports organizations represented by the committee share common goals and interests. Most importantly, we must return the focus of the USOC to the athletes and the competitiveness of our Olympic program.

We need some new ideas to fix what appears to be a dysfunctional organization. I look forward to hearing some of those ideas from our witnesses.

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